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1. SERIES OF SCIENTIFIC BALLOON FLIGHTS COMPLETED. ONE FLIGHT CONDUCTED FOR RICE UNIVERSITY INVESTIGATOR HAYMES LASTED 20 HOURS AND WAS GREAT SUCCESS. 2ND. RICE FLIGHT NOT RPT NOT CONDUCTED DUE SEVERAL FACTORS INCLUDING LESSENED NECESSITY DUE LARGE AMOUNT OF DATA OBTAINED ON 1ST FLIGHT. TWO ARGENTINE FLIGHTS ALSO LAUNCHED, OF WHICH ONE WAS QUITE SUCCESSFUL.

2. SCIATT AND AIRATT HAD OPPORTUNITY VISIT RIO CUARTO BASE DURING GALAXIA ACTIVITIES. IT WAS QUITE CLEAR THAT THIS IS EXCELLENT COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM WITH MUCH INPUT FROM BOTH U.S. AND ARGENTINE SIDES AND IS WELCOMED BY ARGENTINA COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS, MOST OF WHICH ARE PART OF ARGENTINE AIR FORCE. EMBASSY REGARDS IT AS ZONE OF BEST CURRENT U.S. ARGENTINE SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION PROGRAMS UNDER THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BILATERAL.

3. NCAR PERSONNEL HAVE INFORMED US OF GREAT INTEREST IN A LARGER SERIES OF FLIGHTS LATER THIS YEAR. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS WOULD BE WELCOMED BY CNIE AND EXPECTS THAT RIO CUARTO WOULD AGAIN BE THE LOGICAL SITE FOR SUCH LAUNCHINGS. IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ORDER AVOID THE LAST MINUTE PLANNING WHICH CNIE COMPLAINED

ABOUT IN CURRENT SERIES, EMBASSY URGES THAT PLANNING PROCEED
MUCH FARTHER IN ADVANCE AND THAT UCAR DRAFT OF AGREEMENT
WITH CNIE FOR NEW SERIES BE PROVIDED TO EMBASSY AT EARLIEST
POSSIBLE DATE FOR COORDINATION WITH CNIE.
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